

What is the time frame from beginning to completion of a curb ramp upgrade?

If the curb ramp is part of a Capital Improvement Project or a private development project, it will depend on the project's schedule.

The length of time to construct a single curb ramp with ideal site conditions may take a few days. However, a curb ramp with obstructions (storm drains, fire hydrants, etc.) will take considerably longer.



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Why are curb ramp installations or upgrades necessary?

Curb ramps are **required by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** and the California Title 24 Disabled Access Regulations.

ADA and related state laws mandate curb ramp standards that must be met by the City. The Federal government occasionally updates these standards such that previously conforming curb ramps must be replaced whenever a public or private construction project triggers the replacement or new construction of the curb ramp within the project area.

In other words, the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the City to have a plan for installing all curb ramps, and there is a continuing requirement that they be brought up to current ADA standards **whenever work is done to trigger upgrades** (even if they were previously upgraded to meet the former ADA Standards).



What are the benefits of curb ramps?

Curb ramps benefit people in wheelchairs by allowing smooth travel from the curb or sidewalk to the street. Upgrades are primarily required to prevent accident and injury for individuals with disabilities.



Curb ramps and truncated domes benefit visually impaired individuals as a detectable warning at hazardous vehicular ways. It is a means to warn these individuals to pause or stop before entering into traffic. They illustrate the City's commitment to comply with the Federal and State accessibility mandates.



Curb ramps benefit parents with children in strollers, the elderly, people making deliveries, etc.



(Above photo)

Truncated domes are detectable warning tiles required by the ADA and California Title 24 Disabled Access Regulations to assist persons with visual impairment when approaching hazardous vehicular ways, transit platform edges, and curb ramps.